

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1.-13. (Canceled)

14. (Three Times Amended) A computer information system, comprising:

a provider for providing information to a recipient;

said provider charging a different amount to said recipient depending upon whether recording of said information in a medium is effected; and

recording of said information in said medium is effected responsive to detection of an identifier that identifies the recipient.

15. (Previously Presented) A computer information system according to claim 14, further comprising transmission means for transmitting said information to the recipient.

16. (Three Times Amended) A computer information system, comprising:

provider means for providing information to a recipient;

said provider means charging a different amount to said recipient depending upon whether recording of said information in a medium is effected; and

recording of said information in said medium is effected responsive to detection of an identifier that identifies the recipient.

17. (Three Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the steps of:

providing information to a recipient;

charging a different amount depending upon whether recording of said information in a medium is effected; and

effecting recording of said information in said medium responsive to detection of an identifier that identifies the recipient.

18. (Three Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving information from a provider;

charging a different amount depending upon whether recording of said information in a medium is effected; and

effecting recording of said information in said medium responsive to detection of an identifier that identifies the recipient.

19. (Three Times Amended) A computer information system, comprising:

a recipient for receiving information from a provider;

said recipient being charged a different amount depending upon whether recording of said information in a medium is effected; and

recording of said information in said medium is effected responsive to detection of an identifier that identifies the recipient.

20. (Three Times Amended) A computer information system, comprising:

recipient means for receiving information from a provider;

said recipient being charged a different amount depending upon whether recording of said information in a medium is effected; and

recording of said information in said medium is effected responsive to detection of an identifier that identifies the recipient.

21. (Three Times Amended) A signal transmitted from a recipient of information to a provider of information, said signal indicating whether said information is recorded in a medium responsive to detection of an identifier that identifies the recipient, wherein said information is

charged differently depending upon said signal irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

22. (Three Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the step of:

transmitting a signal from a recipient of information to a provider of information, said signal indicating whether said information is recorded in a medium responsive to detection of an identifier that identifies the recipient, wherein said information is charged differently depending upon said signal irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

23. (Previously Presented) A computer information system according to claim 14, wherein said recording of said information in said medium is also effected responsive to identification of a system identifier.

24. (Previously Presented) A computer information system according to claim 16, wherein recording of said information in said medium is also effected responsive to identification of a system identifier.

25. (Previously Presented) A method of processing information according to claim 17, wherein effecting recording of said information in said medium is also responsive to identification of a system identifier.

26. (Previously Presented) A method of processing information according to claim 18, wherein effecting recording of said information in said medium is also responsive to identification of a system identifier.

27. (Previously Presented) A computer information system according to claim 19, wherein recording of said information in said medium is also effected responsive to identification of a system identifier.

28. (Previously Presented) A computer information system according to claim 20, wherein recording of said information in said medium is also effected responsive to identification of a system identifier.

29. (Previously Presented) A computer information system according to claim 14, wherein said provider charges said different amount irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

30. (Previously Presented) A computer information system according to claim 16, wherein said provider charges said difference to said recipient irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

31. (Previously Presented) A method of processing information according to claim 17, wherein said different amount is charged irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

32. (Previously Presented) A method of processing information according to claim 18, wherein said different amount is charged irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

33. (Previously Presented) A computer information system according to claim 19, wherein said recipient is charged said different amount irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

34. (Previously Presented) A computer information system according to claim 20, wherein said recipient is charged said different amount irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

35. (New) A computer information system, comprising:
a provider for providing information to a recipient;
said provider charging a different amount to said recipient depending upon whether
recording of said information in a medium is effected; and
recording of said information in said medium is effected responsive to detection of an
identifier if the identifier recorded on the medium is an identifier that identifies a registered
recording/reproducing apparatus.

36. (New) A computer information system according to claim 16, further comprising
transmission means for transmitting said information to the recipient.